Railway Share of Expenditure on Government Railway Police

1225. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether differences persist between the Railway Ministry and the State Goverments about the quantum of outstanding dues payable by the Railways as their share of expenditure on Government Railway Police;

(b) if so, whether any delay in resolving the payment of outstanding dues will not slacken the efforts of concerned State Goverments towards providing security cover in the running trains thus increasing incidence of crimes, especially in crime prone areas; and

(c) When this matter is likely to be resolved and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Differences exist with some State Governments with regard to the posts created without the consent of the Railway Adminstration. Admissible dues of all State Governments are being cleared gradually. A statement showing details is as udner:—

STATE WISE POSITION OF OUTSTANDING CLAIMS OF GRP DUES AS ON 30.4.97

STATE	FIGURE IN CRORES OF RUPEES OUT-STANDING AS ON 30.4.97
Assam	1.49
Andhra Pradesh	1.16
Bihar	8.76
Gujarat	11.12
Haryana	4.24
Himachal Pradesh	0.06
Karnataka	3.81
Maharashtra	14.01
Madhya Pradesh	6.16
Orissa	1.25
Rajasthan	1.26
Tamilnadu	7.42
Uttar Pradesh	13.75
West Bengal	1.54
Total	76.03

(b) Payment against 50% expenditure on the State GRPs are made by the Railways as per the sanctioned strength of GRP of the concerned State. The State Governments are constitutionally responsible to police the Railways and maintain law & order in the trains and the Railways permises. The payment of outstandings by the Railways is an ongoing process which need not slacken the efforts of the concerned State Governments towards providing security cover in the running trains especially in the crime prone areas.

(c) The total outstanding dues payable by Railways to States on sanctioned strength is Rs. 76.03 crores as on 30.4.97. Efforts to clear the dues will continue.

Strategy to maximise the railways earnings

1226. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Ministry plans to cut jobs at the rate of 2.5 per cent annum during the next three-four years while embarking upon a two-fold strategy to reduce the expenditure and to maximise the earnings;

(b) if so, what areas of operations have been identified for such staff reduction; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to maximise earnings?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Railways do not have plans to cut jobs @ 2.5% per annum during the next three-four years. The work force of Indian Railways is regulated both in terms of number and their skills so that the railways are able to build, maintain and operate the system in the most productive manner possible, specially for remaining competitive with other modes of transportation. Due to changes in systems of working and in technology, staff are rendered surplus in areas of diminishing activity and are retrained and redeployed in other areas. No staff has been retrenched on Indian Railways, though over the years there has

been some reduction in the total manpower.

(c) Steps proposed to be taken to maximize earnings include intensifying ticket checking activities on the Railways to plug revenue leakages, increase goods loading to meet the growing market demand, leasing of SLRs to increase parcel loading and concentrate on newer areas like commercial publicity.

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1227. **प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेल मंत्रालय द्वारा कितने व्यक्तियों को निःशुल्क रेलवे पास उपलब्ध कराए गए हैं;

(ख) रेल मंत्रियों द्वारा पिछले पांच वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष में अपनी विवेकाधीन शक्तियों से ऐसे कितने पास जारी किए गए हैं;

(ग) संसद सदस्यों के अलावा व्यक्तियों की ऐसी कौन-कौन सी श्रेणियां हैं जिन्हें निःशुल्क पास जारी किए गए हैं; और

(घ) क्या सरकार मंत्रियों द्वारा उनके विवेकाधीन कोटे से जारी किए जाने वाले ऐसे पासों की संख्या को घटाने पर विचार करेगी?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) (I) 1.6.97 तक जारी किए गए मानार्थ कार्ड पास-38,886 (स्वतंत्रता सेनानियों को जारी किए गए पासों सहित)

(II) 1.6.97 तक जारी किए गए मानार्थ चैक पास-7362 (18422 व्यक्तियों को कवर करते हुए)

(ख) वर्ष	रेल मंत्री के स्वविवेक के अंतर्गत जारी मानार्थ कार्ड पास	रेल मंत्री/रेल राज्य मंत्री के स्वविवेक के अंतर्गत जारी मानार्थ चैक पास
1993	263	2666
1994	171	2600
1995	398	3273
1996	423	6161
1997	148	3143 (24 जुलाई 97 तक)

(ग) मानार्थ कार्ड/चैक पासों के लिए पात्र व्यक्तियों की कोटियां

क्र॰सं॰	कार्ड पास
1.	स्वतंत्रता सेनानी (गृह मंत्रालय द्वारा लागत वहन की जाती है)
2.	भूतपूर्व रेल मंत्री/रेल राज्य मंत्री/रेल उप मंत्री
3.	भूतपूर्व संसद सदस्य
4.	अर्जुन पुरस्कार विजेता, ओलम्पिक पदक विजेता, एशियाई तथा राष्ट्रमंडल स्वर्ण पदक विजेता.
5.	वीरता पुरस्कार (रक्षा) के चक्र सीरीज के पदकधारी.
6.	बहादुरी के लिए राष्ट्रपति पदक विजेता तथा पुलिस पदक विजेता (पुलिस)
7.	भारत के राष्ट्रीय खेल संघों, भारतीय ओलंपिक एसोसिएशन तथा अंतर्राष्ट्रीय ओलंपिक एसोसिएशन से संबद्ध राज्य ओलंपिक एसोसिएशन के अध्यक्ष/सचिव.
8.	रेल मंत्री के विवेक पर प्रतिष्ठित व्यक्ति तथा सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक, शैक्षणिक, खेलकूद तथा कल्याण गतिविधियों से जुड़े संगठन.